

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Dr. J. R. Earle, District I Mr. Jerry Dyar, District II
Mr. Michael E. Harper, District III Mr. Roy B. Strickland, District IV
Mr. Johnny D. Stone, District V

MINUTES, SPECIAL MEETING, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

There was a special meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Wednesday, August 22, 1990 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers with all Council Members and Mr. Henry Floyd, Attorney, present.

Members of the press notified (by mail): Seneca Journal, Keowee Courier, Westminster News, Anderson Independent, Greenville News, WGOG Radio, WSNW Radio, WBES Radio, WZLI/WLET Radio, WYFF TV & WLOS TV.

Press

Members of the press present: Tom Johnson - Anderson Independent and Ron Barnett - Greenville News.

All other persons who have asked to be notified of meetings were also notified by mail.

Other
Persons

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor-Chairman Crain who welcomed the guests and media.

Call to
Order

The invocation was given by Mr. Dyar.

Invocation

Mr. Henry Floyd, Attorney, who is advising the county in the matter of the request of the hospital for funding for construction/renovation advised Council on four areas of concern:

Meeting

- (1) Co-funding, the issuance of general obligation bonds and hospital revenue bonds could be done
- (2) If revenue bonds are used to finance construction/renovation, the hospital would have to address the problems of corporate existence
- (3) A change in the manner the board is selected would not cause them to lose their 501-C-3 status
- (4) The membership of the hospital board can be defined in the hospital bylaws, they could have a private election of the members without involving the election commission

The only other alternatives would be for:

- (1) The hospital become a public corporation or
- (2) Oconee County to be in the hospital business

Mr. W. R. Richardson, retired tax preparer stated he felt the 501-C-3 status was gone and would have to be reapplied for.

Mr. Dick Ledbetter stated he was concerned about the cost of general obligation bonds to the taxpayers, he also was interested in knowing if the bonds would be insured.

Mr. Crain informed him we did know the exact cost at this time.

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Mr. Ledbetter further stated he was concerned if the public could afford such sophisticated health care every fifty miles on the road.

Mr. Crain informed him we were expecting the hospital board to be at the August 23, 1990 meeting and invited him to attend.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 3 - 2 (Mr. Strickland & Mr. Stone voting against) that Ordinance 90-9, "An Ordinance Ordering a Referendum in Oconee County, South Carolina, to Submit the Question of Whether the County Shall Issue Not Exceeding \$20,000,000 General Obligations Bonds for Hospital Purposes; Providing for the Form of Ballot to be Used; Providing for Notice of the Referendum; and Providing for all Other Things Necessary to Submit the Aforesaid Question" be adopted on first reading in title only.

Ord. 90-9

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that the explanation on the Law Enforcement Referendum be approved as presented by the county attorney. (See attached)

Explanation
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Adjourn: 8:00 PM

Norman D. Crain / *og*

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Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council